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WARNING LETTER

Alfred Ciccotelli, President Alanric Food Distributors, Inc. 100 Cento Boulevard Thorofare, New Jersey 08086

File No.: 98-NWJ-37

Dear Mr. Ciccotelli:

During an inspection of your firm located at the above address on August 11 & 12, 1998, an Investigator from this office collected samples of "Bellino Brand Filet of Anchovies in Olive Oil", product of Morocco, packed in 4.25 ounce jars.

This product is considered misbranded, in that it fails to bear nutritional labeling as required by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the Act), Section 403(q)(1) and Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR) Part 101.9. They are not eligible for exemption under the Section 403(q)(5) of the Act and have been labeled on/or after August 8, 1994.

This violation is not meant to be all-inclusive of the labeling deficiencies for this product. It is your responsibility to assure that all products distributed by your firm are labeled in compliance with each requirement of the Act and applicable regulations.

The above inspection also resulted in Inspectional Observations made regarding Seafood HACCP, which were documented on the FDA483 issued on August 12, 1998. Your responsibilities as an importer under Seafood HACCP will be addressed under separate cover.

You should take prompt action to correct this labeling violation. Failure to promptly correct this violation can result in further legal action, such as seizure.

You should notify this office in writing, within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of the specific steps you have taken to correct the noted violations, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of similar violation. If corrective action cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time within which the corrections will be completed. A copy of FDA's Food Labeling Guide is included with this letter to assist you.



Your reply should be sent to the Food and Drug Administration, New Jersey District Office, 10 Waterview Blvd., 3rd Floor, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, Attention: Mercedes Mota, Compliance Officer.

Yours truly,

DOUGLAS ELLSWORTH

District Director New Jersey District <u>CERTIFIED MAIL -</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Enclosure: FDA's Food Labeling Guide

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